

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of:

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For: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other
Molecules Associated With the
Cytokinin Pathway**

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Peliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants hereby request entry of the following amendments in the above-captioned application:

In the Specification:

Please **replace** the section labeled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following replacement section.

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C §119(e) and/or 35 U.S.C § 120 of applications No. 60/067000 filed November 24, 1997; No. 60/069472 filed December 9, 1997; No. 60/071,064 filed January 9, 1998; No. 60/074,201 filed February 10, 1998; No. 60/074281 filed February 10, 1998; No. 60/074567 filed February 12, 1998; No. 60/074565 filed February 12, 1998; No. 60/075462 filed February 19, 1998; No. 60/075461 filed February 19, 1998; No. 60/075464 filed February 19, 1998; No. 60/075460 filed February 19, 1998; No. 60/075463 filed February 19, 1998; No. 60/077231 filed March 9, 1998; No. 60/077229 filed March 9, 1998; No. 60/077230 filed March 9, 1998; No. 60/078368 filed